

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the following remarks. Claims 1-19 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 20-35 are allowed.

Applicants thank Examiner for the allowance of claims 20-35.

In paragraph 5 on page 3 of the Office Action, claims 1-13, 17 and 18 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by McCarthy et al. (US 6,335,983). In paragraph 7 on page 6 of the Office Action, claims 14-16 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over McCarthy et al. in view of Parulski et al. (US 6,567,119). In paragraph 8 on page 8 of the Office Action, claim 19 was rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over McCarthy et al. in view of Barton (US 5,912,972). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections, but in the interest of prosecution have canceled claims 1-19 and believe the rejections are now moot. Therefore, in view of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully request that Examiner withdraw the rejections.

In view of the foregoing it is respectfully submitted that the claims in their present form are allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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